



ALEXANDRIA, VA.

THURSDAY EVENING, OCT. 20

DAVID B. HILL, former U. S. Senator from New York, died at Woolf's Room at an early hour this morning. The deceased was at one time one of the most prominent and successful politicians in this country. Of late years, however, he had been merely a spectator of passing events. As a fighter Hill had no superior, and as in the case of all men of his class, enemies were implacable haters while his friends were idol worshippers. Since he retired from active participation in political affairs, Hill had been better understood, and there had been a disposition to give him the place his talents earned for him. As a lawyer Hill had far superiors and he received large fees in many of the cases he was called into. Throughout his career the one ambition of Hill was to be president. It was that ambition that brought about the rupture between him and Cleveland. It has been said by his biographers that Hill was unrelenting on his enemies, but true to his friends, and could always be regarded as a faithful ally. With all his genius he had his peculiarities. He never married, and it is said that while courteous in every way to the fair sex, that he never had business with women if he could avoid it, and that when in the United States Senate nothing worried him more than to be called out by a female.

COL. JOHN S. MOSBY recently made a protest in the newspapers against the number of frauds who pose as "Mosby's men." "I don't reckon that of the three hundred men in my command as many as one hundred are still living," said Col. Mosby. "I only know positively of about fifteen, and they are scattered all over the country. But if I had had as many men as now say they were with me I could have driven Grant out of Virginia. Every time they have a reunion there are some hundred or more who register as Mosby's men, and they are looked on as heroes. I bet a lot of them have been born since the war began." Col. Mosby is right. In this city on the occasion of Confederate reunions, men have posed as "veterans" who during the war were boys seen daily on the streets of Alexandria.

The Second democratic congressional convention did the right thing in Suffolk yesterday when it nominated Mr. E. E. Holland for Congress. The first primary had been shown to have been conducted in a most fraudulent manner and the nomination was sent back to the people whose representatives, though slow about it, finally nominated Mr. Holland who had received a majority vote in the second primary.

The Rhode Island state republican convention in Providence yesterday endorsed the senatorial services of U. S. Senator Aldrich. There has been a suspicion since the announcement early in the year that Senator Aldrich would not be a candidate for re-election that the announcement had a sting to it.

SIR WILLIAM RAMSAY, in a lecture in London, has stated that radium now costs \$2,100,000 per ounce. Alexandria will not purchase over a pound at this price.

Royal Exiles in England.

London, Oct. 20.—Accompanied by his mother, Queen Amelia, and his wife, Manuel, deposed king of Portugal, is today housed at Wood Norton, Eversham, Wiltshire, the estate of the duke of Orleans. In the ex-royal party are the duke of Orleans, the Marquis de Seval, the Portuguese minister, and Senor Villay Urrutia, the Spanish ambassador.

Manuel and Amelia reached Portsmouth at 7 o'clock last night on the English royal yacht Victoria and Albert, and immediately embarked for Wood Norton. There was no saluting and no public reception. Both Manuel and his mother were very pale and worried.

Now that Manuel is safely refuged in England, people are wondering what is to become of the "king without a job." It is the general belief in court circles that Manuel will soon be on the lookout for a rich American bride.

Manuel's status in England also is causing considerable worry. He will have no official standing, but in his private capacity he will move in royal circles and be recognized by other royalties as one of them.

Fatal Mistake.

Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 20.—Mistaking her brown hair as he saw it through a clump of bushes for a red squirrel, Seelye Conley shot and instantly killed Maria L. Pope, a 17-year-old girl. Justice Davidson, of Alden, where the girl was shot, held an inquest today. Conley gave himself up to the police after the shooting.

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of Alexandria Gazette)

With George W. Perkins, of J. P. Morgan & Co., and John W. Wamaker at their head, fifty business men from various cities called upon President Taft today to ask his aid in a movement to extend Y. M. C. A. work in the Orient and Latin America. President Taft spoke to the delegation, promising his support. The "business men's committee" wants to raise a fund of \$250,000 annually until they can carry out a plan to construct 47 new buildings at a cost of \$1,500,000. A dozen women, including Miss Helen Gould, accompanied the men, among whom were General John W. Foster, former secretary of the State, William A. Patten, vice president of the Pennsylvania Railroad; Wm. J. Schieffelin, New York banker; Joshua Levering, of Baltimore; and Anson Phelps Stokes, jr., of Hartford, Conn.

President Taft arrived in Washington at 7:12 o'clock this morning and went directly to the White House where he will take up the work of the winter today. Among the president's callers today were Secretary Ballinger and Oscar L. Lattin, assistant to the attorney general for the Interior Department, Secretary Wilson, Senator Scott, of West Virginia, and Representative Livingston, of Georgia. The executive now plans to remain in Washington, until November 7, when he will leave for Cincinnati to help out the Ohio republicans with his vote on November 8. He will return here the next day and leave that afternoon for Charleston, S. C., and from there will sail for Panama on a cruiser November 10. During the ten days that the president will be absent going and returning he plans to complete his message to Congress. It is likely he will remain on the Isthmus for five or six days. Mrs. Taft remained in New York but will be shortly in the city.

A protest against an increase made by the Southern railway on coal from Coal Creek, Penn., to South Carolina, was considered at a hearing before members Cockrell, and Clements of the Interstate Commerce Commission today. The railroad increased the rates 15 cents on August 15 and coal consumers led by the Victor Manufacturing Co., of Greenville, S. C., asked a reduction of 45 cents a ton. Representatives of the Appalachia field in Virginia were on hand to ask if the rate was changed by the commission it should not allow a large differential, which now exists, in favor of Coal Creek field.

Three men suspected of complicity in the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building are on board the steamer, Acapulco, bound for San Benito, Mexico, and will be kept under surveillance at the order of the State Department. Secretary Knox has communicated with Gov. Gillett, of California regarding the case, asking what action the state desires the department to take.

Friends of Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, here are apprehensive today over his condition. Private letters received in Washington say that the senator's condition is "alarming." Three physicians and a nurse are in constant attendance at his bedside and even members of the family are barred from the room.

Paul C. Patterson, managing editor of the Washington Times, and Miss Alice Jarvis McLean, daughter of Capt. Walter McLean, U. S. N., were married here this afternoon at St. Margaret's Church. Mr. Patterson is treasurer of the Washington Times Company and one of the leaders in the Munsey newspaper organization. He came here from Chicago where he is well known in news paper circles.

A cablegram received from Manila at the Bureau of Insular Affairs of the War Department today reports that Simeon Handac, who recently attempted to foment an insurrection in the island has been sentenced to imprisonment for 20 years. This is the minimum sentence for that offense, and was given Handac on account of his having turned state's evidence.

The hopes of the Washington branch of the W. C. T. U. to save the national capital to the White Flag of Temperance are now centered upon the election of Mr. Cannon from the speakership of the House, according to Mrs. Clinton Smith, president of the organization. The W. C. T. U. is holding its thirty-sixth annual convention in this city. It was decided by the society to wait until the appointment of a new District of Columbia committee of the House before forming any plan to urge prohibition in Washington. Last session, they say, Cannon removed the only three members of that committee who were favorable to prohibition. They hope better things of another speaker.

Following a discussion in which the now famous Barney statue, the undraped Ariadne, was bitterly attacked for lack of modesty, the District Convention of the W. C. T. U. here today elected a resolution condemning in general terms all nude statues and pictures of nude women.

A statement issued at the treasury today announced that practically all of the corporation tax, exceeding \$27,000,000 has been collected.

Bids for excavation in the James Creek district of the rivers and harbors project, showed the lowest bid submitted to be that of the Coastwise Dredging Company, of Norfolk, Va., at a figure of \$145,710 for the excavation of 2,330,000 cubic yards.

A long conference which concerned chiefly the Duven millen-dollar art smuggling case recently discovered in New York, was held at the Treasury Department today. Secretary McLaughlin, Assistant Secretary Curtis Cole, collector Loeb, Solicitor Andrews of the New York Custom House and Special Agent Wheatley, of the Custom service, who took the leading part in securing evidence in the case. It was reported in treasury circles today that it would be impossible to extradite three of the five Duven Brothers who are in Europe.

A general attitude of sympathy toward the Philippines, and speeches that indirectly reflected on American rule in the Islands, marked today's session at the Mohonk Peace Conference at Lake Mohonk, N. Y., Rt. Rev. Charles H. Brent, Bishop of the Philippines made the principal speech.

Vaniman, of the airship "America" abandoned at sea on Tuesday, believes that the big dirigible has sunk to the bottom of the ocean.

DAVID B. HILL DEAD.

Veteran Politician Passes away at Woolf's Room at an Early Hour this Morning.

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 20.—Ex-U. S. Senator David B. Hill, died at his residence, Woolf's Room, at 3:45 this morning.

For two weeks he had been ill with a cold and complications. The only person in attendance at the time of his death was the senator's nurse.

David Bennett Hill was the last of the old time politicians who made democratic history in New York state when that party secured control of the state government following the famous stalwart and halfbreed republican fight which involved President Chester A. Arthur and Senator Roscoe Conkling. He was for years in absolute control of the democratic party organization in the state and his bitter conflicts with the Grover Cleveland organization finally culminated in Cleveland abandoning New York state as his home.

Born in Havana, N. Y., August 29, 1843, young Hill received an academic education and then moved to Elmira where he studied law. Admitted to the bar in 1864, he at once took an interest in politics and that very same year he was made city attorney of Elmira. He was a delegate to the democratic national convention of 1877 and from that time until 1900 he was a conspicuous figure at the big gatherings of his party.

Hill was elected mayor of Elmira in 1882, and in the fall of 1893 he was given second place on the state ticket, headed by Grover Cleveland, as governor, and Cleveland and Hill frequently clashed.

Hill served as governor of New York from 1883 to 1891 when he was elected U. S. Senator and served in the latter position until 1897. Although he fought Bryan in the convention of 1896 and retired to his Albany home during that campaign, saying: "I am a democrat still—very still," he seconded the nomination of Bryan in 1900. After the defeat of Bird S. Coler in 1902, Hill said he was through with politics. Since that time he has attended to his practice of law and lived a quiet life this country home here.

Damage by storm.

Havana, Oct. 20.—Although Key West is still cut off from communication with the cables to Cuba are working. Dispatches received today by La Lucha announce that the principal damage done in Key West by the storm was to shipping.

The lighthouse on the main ship channel at Key West was blown down by the force of the winds. The Florida East Railway below Miami, has been washed out and it will require a month to place it in repair so as to handle trains.

The French liner Louisiana, outbound from Havre, France, for Havana and New Orleans, was driven ashore on Sombrero Reef, about 60 miles from Havana. She had about 600 persons on board, half of whom have been brought here by rescue steamers. The others are believed to be in no danger.

Storm Abating.

Washington, Oct. 20.—The Florida hurricane has modified to an ordinary storm, according to the Weather Bureau announcement today, and cyclone signals were taken down all along the Atlantic coast. The storm center is now off North Carolina, having passed out to sea. The wind is blowing at the average rate of 60 miles an hour from Cape Hatteras to Cape Cod. The gale which was moving eastward yesterday across Lake Superior also modified today and is now merely a strong west wind. The forecast for Chicago and all Lake territory is for colder weather.

The weather bureau today issued the following bulletin: "The coast storm is now central near Hatteras and has lost considerable energy. The winds from the middle Atlantic coast will shift from northeast to northwest, brisk to light. Warnings from Hatteras to Sandy Hook were changed at 10 a. m. to indicate storms.

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 20.—Business is being resumed today throughout the state, and it is now estimated that the total damage from the hurricane will not exceed one million dollars. The storm expended its greatest fury in sections which are not thickly settled, but heavy damage was done to orange and grapefruit crops.

No large buildings were destroyed in St. Augustine or Tampa, but the wind and floods forced practically complete suspension of business for three days. Dwellings were blown away at Ocala, and Orlando reports damage to several business houses. A message from St. Petersburg says the fruit crops in that section were badly damaged.

The Florida East Coast Railroad lost many trestles and bridges and in some places the road bed was swept away. Messages from Pensacola say that no serious damage was done in the panhandle. The weather is improving throughout the state.

New Orleans, Oct. 20.—The French liner Louisiana, Havre to New Orleans, carrying 700 passengers is ashore off Key West, according to advices received here this afternoon by officials of the company. It is reported the passengers have been taken off in boats.

JR. O. U. A. M.

The Junior Order, United American Mechanics, is in session in Martinsville yesterday elected the following officers: J. W. Camper, Roanoke, junior past counselor; Dr. W. M. Evans, Norfolk, counselor; Dr. W. A. Gordon, Elkton, vice-counselor; Thos. B. Ivey, Petersburg state secretary; G. W. Kinsey, of Richmond, treasurer; G. T. Taylor, Norfolk, conductor; G. B. Wagner, Danville, state warden; W. L. Lee, Saltville, inside sentinel; J. C. Talley, Danville, outside sentinel; Dr. R. S. Griffith, Basic City; T. G. Gray Hadden, Richmond, and S. Huff, Roanoke, trustees.

An additional assessment of 50 cents per member was levied for the purpose of establishing an orphanage. The plan of federation of the insurgent states, as adopted at Washington last August, was approved, which insures the running of the order throughout the country along Masonic lines. Each state, however, will still be sovereign within itself. Alexandria was chosen as the next place of meeting. The convention adjourned at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

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BIG BOILER EXPLODES.

Six Men Blown to Pieces and Four Fatally Injured.

New York, Oct. 20.—Six men were blown to bits, four were fatally injured and a score or more seriously hurt when a big ten ton boiler exploded today in the plant of the American Manufacturing Company, a huge concern, at Greenpoint, L. I.

When the huge boiler let go, tearing through the walls of the building, and hurling mutilated bodies over a block, twenty-five hundred employees in the plant stampeded for the exits. Two thousand of the employees were women and girls, and they jammed the doorways and stairways, trampling upon each other in their panic-stricken effort to leave the building.

There were a dozen men at work on the big boiler when it exploded. Work had just begun for the day, and the big boiler was filled with steam. Without the least warning, the big cylinder split like a bomb, hurling the workmen through the wrecked walls, and driving four big cylinder heads up through three floors of the building.

All of the dead were machinists at work on the boiler. Three of them were blown through a side wall of the building, and their bodies were found, horribly mangled, in the street. The others were found under the debris.

Steamer Launched.

Belfast, Oct. 20.—The White Star Line's new trans-Atlantic liner Olympic, the largest vessel in the world, was launched today from Harland and Wolff's shipyard. The Countess of Aberdeen, wife of the viceroy of Ireland, christened the liner. More than 40,000 persons were on hand to see the monster 40,000 ton ship take the water.

The Olympic, and her sister ship, the Titanic, to be launched next February, are the White Star's answer to the Cunard's Mauretania and Lusitania.

The Olympic is 840 feet long, with a 92 foot beam and 50,000 horsepower engines, compared with the Mauretania's 70,000 horsepower. Its speed will be 20 knots an hour. It will carry a crew of 600 men and officers, and have accommodations for 600 first cabin, 1,200 second, and 3,200 third class passengers. The equipment of the monster is superb.

The Crippen Case.

London, Oct. 20.—The Crown closed at 1 o'clock this afternoon the prosecution of Dr. H. H. Crippen, and the dapper little American doctor at once prepared to take the stand in his own defense. It was expected that he would enter an emphatic denial to all the charges.

There was general belief about the court room that the Crown had failed to make out a strong case, in that it had not been able to prove positively the identity or sex of the body found in Crippen's home.

Today's testimony for the Crown was a repetition of that brought out in the preliminary hearings.

Dr. H. H. Crippen took the stand in his own defense this afternoon. Crippen said the last time he saw his wife was on January 31, of this year, and he said he believed that she fled to America. "To avoid scandal, in connection with her and Miller, Crippen said he concocted a story that she had gone to America to attend to certain private business for him in California, and that while on her way to the American continent she had died and had been incinerated there."

Crippen admitted that after his wife disappeared, Miss Leneve lived with him as his wife in the Hilldrop Crescent home. He had been intimate with her during the past three years. He said he had frequently visited hotels with her. Crippen was questioned regarding purchases of hyoscin, the deadly poison which he is charged with having used to murder his wife. He declared that he had never given his wife any poison. The hyoscin, he swore, he had given in very small doses, to several of his patients who had been suffering from nervous disorders.

Crippen denied not only that he knew the identity of the body found in the cellar of his Hilldrop Crescent home, but also that he knew of anybody being in the cellar until he was brought back to England under arrest.

SNOW STORMS.

A dispatch from Omaha, Neb., says the first snow-storm of the season is sweeping eastward over the trans-Missouri country, and will reach the central portion of the country today. Railroad traffic is tied up in Wyoming and Colorado and snow plows have been ordered out for the first time this season. Yesterday registered a drop of 20 degrees in Omaha.

In Wyoming snow and sleet extend from Cheyenne to the western boundaries of the state. As yet but little snow has fallen in western Nebraska, but indications are that this will grow heavier as the storm moves eastward.

Snow was reported from all parts of Colorado yesterday, the first general storm of the season. In the mountain passes of the Moffatt road, above Tolland, Colo., snow from 8 to 10 feet deep was reported, and trains were blocked. In Denver the hail was light, but was accompanied by a lower temperature and high winds.

Railroad Accidents.

Upper Sandusky, O., Oct. 20.—Five persons are reported killed in the wreck of Hocking Valley passenger train No. 33 at Harper, six miles south of Upper Sandusky. The train was bound from Columbus to Toledo.

A later dispatch says two women were killed and 14 persons injured in the accident.

Harmony, Pa., Oct. 20.—Seven persons were seriously injured, three probably fatally, today, when interurban passenger and freight cars collided head on in a fog near here, according to a telephone message received shortly before noon.

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The new roster of officers, named by the body, is as follows:

Grand Commander, Captain Wm. C. Whitely, of Norfolk.

First Lieutenant, Grand Commander, Michael Woods, of Charlottesville.

Second Lieutenant, Grand Commander, Harry Woodin, of Danville.

Third Lieutenant, Grand Commander, Colonel Thomas Smith, of Warrenton.

Inspector-General, Tipton D. Jennings, of Lynchburg.

Quartermaster-General, David A. Brown, of Richmond.

Chaplain-General, John P. Hyde, D. D., of Winchester.

Surgeon-General, Dr. Herbert N. Nash, of Norfolk.

The tributes paid to the late Senator Daniel followed a resolution introduced by General T. T. Munford, offering a memorial to the dead statesman and Confederate soldier, and recommending that the necessary steps be taken for the erection of a monument to his memory. The resolution was adopted, and, in addition, it will contain the verbal tributes paid to Senator Daniel on the floor of the convention.

Before adjourning, the Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans selected Newport News as the place for the reunion next year.

The Sons of Veterans elected W. McDonald Lee, of Irvington, grand commander of the Virginia Division.

The parade of the veterans took place today and later they were taken on a trip around the harbor, lunch being served on the boat.

Tonight a reception and ball will be given in honor of the sponsors and maids of honor at the Ghent Club. Reception, 8:30 to 9:30 p. m.; ball, 9:30 to 1 a. m.

This will close the twenty-third reunion of the Grand Camp.

PORTUGAL AND THE VATICAN.

The possibility has developed of an alliance between the new republic of Portugal and the Roman Catholic Church, by which the Vatican will officially recognize the new government, on condition that some of the Catholic orders be allowed to remain in the country, has developed.

Monsignor J. Tonti, papal nuncio to Lisbon, who was reached by the Vatican, has been ordered to remain in Lisbon pending the outcome of negotiations now in the tentative stage.

Notwithstanding the declaration of Pope Pius that the Vatican would never recognize Portugal as a republic, a strong feeling has developed among the republican leaders that it would be diplomatic to come to a friendly agreement with the church and gain the support of its tremendous influence in the country.

The Curia is anxious that some Catholic orders remain in Portugal for several reasons, the chief being its effect on the neighboring nation of Spain. Statesmen who have followed the imbrolio between the church and the Iberian peninsula governments are convinced that an agreement between the Vatican and Portugal will mean the complete separation of church and state, but that concessions will be made by both sides.

FALL OF A BALLOON.

The balloon Harburg II, of Germany the fourth to depart in the international balloon race from St. Louis Monday afternoon, descended with terrific force from a height of 18,000 feet at 9 p. m. on Tuesday, in Lake Nipissing, Canada 850 miles from St. Louis, according to a message received last night.

The left arm of William F. Assman, aid, of St. Louis, was broken, his right hand severely sprained and an artery in his wrist cut.

Lieut. Leopold Vogt, pilot of the Harburg, and Assman were forced to swim, the lake with the balloon, landing upon Sea Gull Island, where Assman, despite his injuries, tied the aerostat to a tree and remained on the island alone.

Lieut. Vogt, who landed alone, bleeding profusely from his wounds, was rescued by Cherokee Indian hunters and sent to a hospital at Powassan, on the Grand Trunk Railroad, 20 miles from where they landed.

TO SUE DIRECTORS.

Stockholders of the Illinois Central Railroad Company had a lively hour and a half at their annual meeting in Chicago, yesterday, owing to the presence of Attorney Maxwell Edgar, who held 60 shares of the 784,866 shares of stock represented. Mr. Edgar was accompanied by two deputy sheriffs, who added to the confusion by serving subpoenas during every half in the meeting on the various directors.

The subpoenas were in a suit for \$10,000,000 damages, which Mr. Edgar, constituting himself an attorney for the road, started in the Circuit Court of Chicago, yesterday. The defendants to the suit are the directors of the road, whom Mr. Edgar seeks to hold responsible for financial loss, through alleged car-repair graft, general mismanagement, and alleged re-bating.

While the two deputies were making things interesting in the meeting half a dozen others guarded exits from the building. Mr. Edgar fearing that some of the directors might attempt to evade service.

Lost Balloons.

St. Louis, Oct. 20.—Four of the ten balloons which started from St. Louis Monday in the international race for the Gordon Bennett Cup are unreported today, and if still aloft are somewhere in Canada, sailing toward Hudson Bay.

"Our medium prices of stylish up-to-date footwear" is ready for your inspection. New ideas, stylish designs, best workmanship, and best materials. Shoes made right hold their shape. A few of the makers: Taylor Made, The Hess, Regal, Walk Over, Brockton Company Operative, Red Cross, Queen Quality, J. and T. Cousins, Lindner Shoe Company, Clement Ball Shoe Company and many others. Agents for Gold Seal and Boots. J. A. Marshall & Co., 422 King Street, Up-to-date footwear.

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France announces that Turkey has granted the guarantees demanded for the loan of \$30,000,000.

It is reported that Spain will send 40,000 troops to occupy Tetuan, owing to Morocco's failure to meet an indemnity of \$26,000,000.

Architect Joseph M. Huster, accused of graft in connection with the Pennsylvania state capitol, was yesterday sentenced to from six months to two years in the penitentiary.

John Augustus Slater, better known to the sporting fraternity as Gus Slater, and who had been a familiar figure at the corner of Fayette and Gay streets, Baltimore, for many years, was found dead in a lodging house yesterday.

Frederick W. Mansfield, the temporary candidate of the democratic party for governor, of Massachusetts, yesterday filed his withdrawal with the secretary of state, thus leaving the field clear for Eugene N. Foss, the candidate agreed upon by the nominating four. Foss started an active campaign last night along Cape Cod, and will stump the entire state.

The sessions of the graft hunt by a New York legislative committee were yesterday devoted to hearing stories concerning alleged use of a corruption fund to defeat the passage of the anti-trust gambling bills. Congressmen and former State Senator Foelker gave testimony of efforts made to bribe him by former State Senator Frank J. Gardner and former Quarantine Commissioner Frank Schroeder (now in Sing Sing).

Queen, a trick elephant, became enraged at Robert Shields, a new keeper, who tried to shackle her in her winter quarters in Jersey City yesterday and crushed him to death. She seized him around the waist with her trunk, slammed him against the wall, threw him to the floor, and then trampled on his face, knelt on his body, and finally gored him. The body was unrecognizable when recovered. The animal was perfectly tractable to her regular trainer a few minutes after the killing, and allowed herself to be shackled without making further trouble.

After being out all night, the jury in the case of Dr. W. J. McNaughton, charged with poisoning Fred Flinders with murderous intent last June, returned a verdict as guilty yesterday at Swainsboro, Ga., yesterday. Judge Gilbert sentenced McNaughton to be hanged December 9. A motion for a new trial was filed. The trial of Mrs. Flinders, indicted jointly with McNaughton, was contingent upon the conviction of Dr. McNaughton, as her part in the crime is alleged to have been that of an accessory. Her trial has not been assigned.

Luigi Lucchini, who assassinated the Empress of Austria in 1898, committed suicide yesterday evening in his cell in the prison known as L'Eveche, Geneva. Two days ago Lucchini went violently insane, and after smashing everything in his cell, was put in a straight jacket. When his violence passed he was given cell liberty. Yesterday afternoon guards heard him singing for several hours, but at nightfall he became suddenly silent. Later the guards, alarmed, entered the cell and found Lucchini hanging to the window bars by his waist belt, which he had twisted around his neck.

AGAIN ON TERRA FIRMA.

Walter Wellman and his five companions were landed at New York yesterday afternoon by the steamship Trent, which picked them up at sea after they had abandoned their dirigible balloon America, and failed in the first attempt ever made to cross the Atlantic through the air. A bruised right hand, which Wellman carried in a sling, was the only physical injury that resulted from their long voyage of approximately 900 miles, and a rescue the like of which is unknown to all history.

None of the aeronauts expressed regret for the loss of the America. They agreed that it had served its purpose and taught its lesson. All stand ready to renew the attempt as soon as Wellman and the engineers find a way to conquer the difficulties that brought their first trip to its thrilling end last Tuesday morning, 400 miles southeast of Sandy Hook.

Wellman made this statement: "We thought we could not get along without the equilibrator. Now we find we couldn't get along with it. Our plans for the future are indefinite until we find some thing that will do what we thought the equilibrator would do."

The "equilibrator" to which Wellman attributes the failure of his voyage was the series of tanks containing gasoline which floated in the water attached to the airship by a long rope. Its purpose in addition to storing gasoline and serving as a wireless "ground" was to keep the balloon steady compensating for the expansion and contraction of gas due to change in temperature which would have made the America rise or sink erratically. The America's experience proved that this floating tank, jerking at the delicately poised airship, made it impossible to steer or make head way in the desired direction and severely weakened the structure. To find another means of compensating for this unavoidable